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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR The Deputy Director, NRO


SUBJECT: NRO Use of CIA Contracting Authority

As a matter of general policy, I consider that there are three reasons which support NRO use of CIA contracting authority for projects and/or tasks other than those for which technical management responsibility is assigned to the Director, NRO Program B. These uses are:

- a. To provide essential security to NRO matters which can not be provided otherwise.
- b. To provide speed of response not obtainable through Department of Defense contractual channels by utilization of existing CIA contracts in cases of overriding urgency (such as emergency purchase of film, etc.).
- c. To obtain significant savings to the government, or significant improvement in management, by utilization of such contracting authority in joint CIA-DOD procurement actions in support of the NRO.

I shall expect generally to follow this policy in making assignments of such NRO contracting tasks.

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Director
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NRO review(s) completed.

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